

References

- CARTER, H. J., & E. H. ZECK, 1937. A monograph of the Australian Colydiidae. *Proc. Linn. Soc. NSW*, **62**: 181–208, pls. 8–9.
- GROUVELLE, A., 1896. Description de Clavicornes d'Afrique et de Madagascar. *Annls. Soc. ent. Fr.*, **65**: 71–94.
- PAL, T. K., 2003. Insecta: Coleoptera: Colydiidae (*sensu lato*). In: State Fauna Series 9, Fauna of Sikkim, (Part 3): 163–176.
- SASAJI, H., 1986. Notes on Colydiidae (Coleoptera) of Japan and Formosa. *Ent. Pap. Presented to Y. KUROSAWA*, 243–249. Coleopterists' Association, Tokyo.
- SHARP, D., 1885. On some Colydiidae obtained by Mr. G. LEWIS in Ceylon. *J. Linn. Soc. London*, **19**: 117–131, pl.1.

Elytra, Tokyo, **37**(1): 147–148, May 29, 2009

Additional Records of *Merionoeda scitella* PASCOE (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae), with a Brief Note on Geographical Variation

Yaheita YOKOI¹⁾ and Tatsuya NIISATO²⁾

¹⁾ Beerenkothen 33, 40882 Ratingen, Germany

²⁾ Bioindicator Co., Ltd., Yarai-chô 126, Shinjuku, Tokyo, 162-0805 Japan

Merionoeda scitella was first described by PASCOE (1858) and redescribed by the same author (PASCOE, 1869) on the basis of examples collected by A. R. WALLACE in Sarawak, Borneo. Thereafter, there have been few records of this species from other regions. The distribution of *M. scitella* is, however clearly larger than originally recorded, and the geographical variation larger. We have obtained specimens of this species from South Kalimantan, South and West Sumatra as well as the Malay Peninsula in addition to those from Sabah in northern Borneo, which is adjacent to Sarawak, from where the species was originally described. Thus, it is a typical species of western 'Malayana' of PASCOE.

The variation is considerable, especially regarding the coloration. The colour of pronotum can be darker than reddish yellow as originally described by PASCOE. In some cases it is totally blackish, though with a somewhat reddish tone. The colour of elytra is also variable with differing dimension of the 'triangular straw-coloured stripe' on elytral disc. Some specimens from South Kalimantan have almost totally black-coloured elytra, rather resembling those of *M. baliana* YOKOI et NIISATO or *M. puella* PASCOE with similar punctuation. Finally, the colour of the last antenna segments varies in accordance with location. While the last two segments of antennae are

yellow in the holotype from Sarawak, three segments are yellow in the specimens from West Sumatra whereas only one is so in those from South Kalimantan.

We would like to thank Mrs. Sharon SHUTE of the Natural History Museum of London for enabling us to study the holotype of *Merionoeda scitella* preserved there, to Dr. Martin BAEHR of Zoologische Staatssammlung München for providing us with material from the Karl E. HÜDEPOHL collection for a closer comparison, and to Messrs. Shigehisa HORI, Masao ITO, Yutaka JOHKI and Nobuyuki KOBAYASHI for kind offers of material. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Theodore L. CHILDERS for his critical reading of the original draft of this short paper.

Merionoeda scitella PASCOE, 1858

Specimens examined. [Borneo] 1 ♂, Sepilok, Sabah, E. Malaysia, 2–VIII–1981, Y. JOHKI leg.; 1 ♂, 2 ♀♀, Kimanis Road, Crocker Range, Sabah, 24–III–1988, M. ITO leg.; 1 ♂, 1 ♀, same locality as the preceding, 13, 15–IV–1988, N. KOBAYASHI leg.; 1 ♂, same locality as the preceding, 12–V–1988, N. KOBAYASHI leg.; 1 ♂, near Keningau, Crocker Range, Sabah, IV–1999, local collector leg.; 1 ♀, Gn. Trus Madi, Tambunan, Sabah, 29–V–1997, S. HORI leg.; 12 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀, Mamut, Ranau, Sabah, 8–10–IV–2005, Y. YOKOI leg.; 50 ♂♂, 50 ♀♀, Papagaran, S. Kalimantan, 23–30–X–2007, Y. YOKOI leg. [Sumatra] 4 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, Gn. Pesagi, Kenali, Pr. Lampung. Liwa, S. Sumatra, 28–31–X–2006, Y. YOKOI leg.; 5 ♀♀, Annai Valley, Pr. West Sumatra, W. Sumatra, 9–14–IV–2007, Y. YOKOI leg.; 1 ♂, Padang, Pr. West Sumatra, W. Sumatra, V–1994, local collector leg. [Malay Peninsula] 1 ♂, “Malaysia, Cameron Highland, X. 85”; 1 ♂, “Malaysia, Cameron Highland, XI 85”. (HÜDEPOHL collection.); 1 ♀, Cameron Highland, Pahang, W. Malaysia, V–VI–1985, local collector leg.; same locality as the preceding, 4 ♂♂, 2 ♀♀, III–IV–1985, local collector leg.; 1 ♂, 1 ♀, same locality as the preceding, V–VI–1985, local collector leg.; 3 ♂♂, same locality as the preceding, local collector leg.; 10 ♂♂, 10 ♀♀, Kelantan, Pahang, VI–1999, local collector leg.

Distribution. Borneo, Sumatra (new record) and Malay Peninsula (new record).

References

- PASCOE, F. P., 1857. On new genera and species of Longicorn Coleoptera, Part III. *Trans. ent. Soc. London*, (N. S.), (2), 4, xvii: 236–266, pls. XXV–XXVI.
- 1869. Longicornia Malayana; or, a descriptive catalogue of the species collected by Mr. A. R. WALLACE in the Malay Archipelago (part VII). *Ibid.*, (3), 7: 553–712, pls. XXI–XXIV.